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Vicenza Barracks Awarded LEED Silver Rating

Vicenza, Italy. – The U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza (USAG-V) barracks complex in Vicenza, Italy recently achieved a “LEED Silver” rating with the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). The facilities, comprised of two separate four-story structures and resembling university dormitories, were designed by Clark Nexsen Architecture and Engineering of Norfolk, VA. Completed in July and December 2005, respectively, the barracks were constructed by Impresa Pizzarotti of Parma, Italy for €21M. The complex houses approximately 300 soldiers and conforms to the Army’s 1+1 barracks standard. It also includes an armory, bulk storage areas, day rooms and laundry facilities. Construction began in October 2003 and was managed by the ROICC Vicenza team of Mr. Christopher Menia, P.E. (Supervisory General Engineer) and Mr. Giancarlo Bastianello (Engineering Technician).

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System is a nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. LEED promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality. The barracks complex at Vicenza is the first overseas DOD facility to achieve a LEED certification. Worldwide, it is the first Army building and the second project managed by NAVFAC to be certified by USGBC.

In order to be considered for a LEED rating, a new or existing building must be registered with USGBC and undergo a stringent review of “quantifiable aspects of sustainable design and building performance.” Accredited USGBC professionals evaluate 34 criteria of the facility, awarding up to a maximum of 69 credits towards LEED accreditation; the Vicenza barracks received 33 credits. Ratings range from “certified” through silver, gold, and platinum. Over 400 buildings, mostly in the United States, have received accreditation since the 1998 inception of LEED. The evaluation criteria are updated often, the most recent guidelines conforming to the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and Executive Order 13123.

For its certification, the Vicenza barracks will be officially recognized in the USGBC roles as LEED Silver accredited and a plaque will be awarded to the USAG-V community to recognize the achievement. “This award represents the great teamwork of Clark-Nexsen, Pizzarotti and ROICC Vicenza,” said Mr. Menia “to provide our sister service facilities of the highest quality.”

For more information about the USGBC and its LEED rating system go to: www.usgbc.org

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